6. Some elementary lessons on the working of Co-operative societies should form part of the curricula of studies in schools.

7. Salt should be supplied free of duty for fish-curing purposes.

8. The Co-operative societies formed among fishermen should be granted loans through the Fisheries department for the purchase of machinery required for working the industry.

9. Arrangements should be made to grant scholarships to educated youths among the fishing community and give them a training in the principles of Co-operation and Fisheries through the Fisheries Department.

10. Recruitment for service in the Fisheries Department should be made as far as possible from the fisher-folk.

11. The canal between Vadai canal at Alleppey and Kunjithai should be widened and deepened, as it is very useful for those engaged in fish industry at Alleppey.

12. In view to enable the grievances and needs of Co-operative societies being brought forward at the Assembly, one Member from each Division should be allowed to be elected by the Co-operative societies.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

V. PUBLIC WORKS.

74. Utilisation of the water of the Pazhayar river to relieve the water scarcity complained of by the ryots of South Travancore.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that water in the Pechipara reservoir was insufficient to irrigate all lands converted into wet lands in the Tovala and Agastiswaram taluks. Even if the height of the Pechipara dam was raised, he was sceptical about its utility in supplying the needs of the whole area under paddy cultivation in South Travancore. What occurred to him was that a good deal of water from the Pazhayar river which was running to waste could be utilised by constructing a dam at a suitable place in the river, and the water thus stored could be used to irrigate the lands which were not now served by the channels of the Kodayar Project. He requested that an investigation of the scheme might be ordered.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

75. Grievances of the ryots of portions of Midalam and other *pakuthies* of the Eraniel taluk which are not commanded by the Kodayar channels.

Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel taluk) represented that there were over 2,000 acres of wet lands in Midalam, Kizhmidalam, Kizhkulam, Killiyur and Nattalam *pakuthies* of the Eraniel taluk, which were not commanded by the channels of the Kodayar project. Those lands were being irrigated by water stored in tanks, of which there were about a hundred in those *pakuthies*. As they had fallen into complete disrepair, there was continuous failure of crops and consequent hardship to the people and pecuniary loss to Government.

The Member, therefore, requested that immediate steps might be taken to repair the irrigation tanks and that provision might be made in the budget every year to thoroughly repair three main tanks. The tanks requiring immediate attention were the following:—

Perumkulam, Alakulam and Katinjakulam in the Midalam *pakuthi*; Midalakulam, Mananangakulam and Palapallathukulam in the Kizhmidalam *pakuthi*; Mathrakulam, Manaakulam and Njarakulam in the Kizhkulam *pakuthi*; Putteti Ootukulam, Thripamala Kockerinikulam and Perinchakulam in the Killiyur *pakuthi*; and Perumkulam, Uthiyannurkulam and Puthukulam in the Nattalam *pakuthi*.

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